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Nutcracker graces the stage

The grace and the splendour of this year's *Nutcracker* was on display this past weekend at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. Staged by Haliburton's Heritage Ballet, the story is of Marie, a young girl who dreams of a nutcracker prince. This annual production features spectacular costumes, young performers from toddlers to teens and this year included guest dancers from the Verba Ukrainian Dance Company of Winnipeg. More on pages 12-13. /DARREN LUM Staff

Housing funding can't come soon enough: MP

JENN WATT

Editor

Funding announced by the federal government for affordable housing was welcomed by

many across the country and in Haliburton County as well.

On National Housing Day, the Liberal government set out a national housing strategy outlining billions of dollars to create affordable housing and assist

low-income Canadians in paying for housing.

The plan would create 60,000 new affordable housing units and repair some 240,000 as well as set aside a \$4 billion "portable" benefit, called the Canada

Housing Benefit, which would give money to low-income Canadians to assist them in paying for their housing.

The money would help 530,000 who currently spend

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Community gathers to work through grief, fear

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

The atmosphere in the room at the Hurting to Hope community event held at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School on Nov. 29 was filled with tension, worry, grief, but also hope as parents of elementary and high school students, students themselves, business owners, school professionals, faith leaders and other community members turned out for area youth.

Sitting together at the front of the room, a group of panellists who had come together to lead this follow-up event to October's Youth Suicide Prevention and Wellness Forum included representatives from Point in Time, the Trillium Lakelands District School Board, Haliburton Highlands Mental Health Services, Kinark Child and Family Services, the Ontario Centre of Excellence for Child and Youth Mental Health and the Royal's

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Private sector needed to create housing supply

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more than a third of their before-tax income on housing and reduce "chronic" homelessness by half, the government said.

In Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, local Conservative MP Jamie Schmale said he agreed that money needs to be funnelled into housing and to alleviate homelessness. However, he said the plan did not release funds quickly enough.

"Any funding that does roll off the line doesn't happen until 2020. That's a pretty big concern," he said in an interview with the *Echo* on Friday.

He also pointed out that money was announced contingent on provincial buy-in, which hadn't happened yet. The provinces are expected to contribute some \$40 billion over 10 years.

"The other concern I have in that whole proposal, is that there's a very small section – I mean really small – that dealt with engaging the private sector in this area," he said.

Government decisions that have increased the cost of living for Canadians, and Ontarians in particular, is putting additional pressure on people who are struggling to pay rent, the MP said.

"We have two organizations [in Haliburton County] that work to heat people's homes in the winter. ... because people are struggling with do I pay my hydro bill, which is out of control or do I buy groceries, which are also going up?" he said.

The provincial government has taken a lot of flak over the years for the skyrocketing electricity rates and Schmale attributes rising grocery prices to additional fuel taxes.

"Everything goes up. Everything cascades up throughout the sector that uses some sort of fuel whether it produces goods or gets goods to market," he said.

Still, the MP was positive about many measures announced Nov. 22 – in particular, the Canada Housing Benefit.

"Giving people that ability to make decisions on conditions that affect their lives is always a good thing," he said.

Fay Martin, who is a local affordable housing advocate and founder of Places for People, which provides affordable housing options in Haliburton, said she

was happy with what she heard from the announcement.

"I think the most interesting part is the Canadian Housing Benefit which is basically a portable rent supplement for low-income households, eventually serving 300,000 households," she told the paper via email. "The province is already piloting a similar scheme, so by the time this funding flows, the mechanism for delivering it should be fairly solid."

Martin said she saw a need for the private sector to play a bigger role in creating housing, though she was optimistic that the additional dollars flowing to low-income Canadians would incentivize new projects.

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— Fay Martin

"The private market will need to step up to create such housing – social housing will not be able to meet the need on its own, nor should it, as a variety of types of housing will be needed – but potential landlords should be incented by an inflow of government funds that will help bridge the gap between what people can afford for rent, given our local economy, and what landlords need to charge to make the rental unit worth their while," she said.

Haliburton County Warden Brent Devolin said he would be attending meetings regarding housing this week and would be providing an update at that point on how this money will affect the local situation. Devolin is a member of the Haliburton Kawartha Lakes Joint Housing and Social Services Committee.

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More than 100 attend meeting seeking guidance

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Institute of Mental Health Research. The panel faced the crowd of more than 100 people looking for guidance and support in the wake of suicides this year and a heightened sense of bullying and mental health challenges for youth in the area.

"Tonight is really about a dialogue," said Cecilia Marie Flynn, moderator for the event and youth suicide prevention consultant from the Ontario Centre of Excellence, who introduced a question and answer format to the evening in which audience members wrote down and submitted their questions.

The first asked about pointed questions that could be asked of people who might be having suicidal thoughts, even in the absence of any signs.

"You don't go up and say, 'hey, are you suicidal?' because that's not how you start a conversation," said Dr. Ian Manion, an expert in youth mental health from The Royal's Institute of Mental Health Research who was invited to the community event. "You begin the conversation saying, 'I notice that things have been a little bit different lately, you seem to be struggling, or you seem not yourself.' And then, wait. Don't have a machine gun of questions that's going to make somebody shut down."

Manion said people should acknowledge the 50/50 rule, to only talk half of the time but let the other person have a chance to share, and then to really listen, to be attentive to their needs. He suggested people know where and how to access resources to help the person get support if they note they're struggling, and to be aware that people have good and bad days so the conversation should be ongoing. A father of five, he said he's had many discussions with his kids that have occurred in the car, where there were fewer distractions.

"The fact that you've had a conversation with them ... that they feel connected to you, reduces the risk," he said.

Manion also answered a question about the risk of contagion, or so-called "copy-cat suicides."

"Contagion does happen, does that mean we shouldn't talk about it?" he asked. "Absolutely not. We can't afford not to talk about it. It's how we talk about it." He said that conversations should include information about supports in place and focus on finding pathways through it so that those struggling don't feel further isolated, or "suffer in silence." He spoke against communities telling people to not talk about suicide, as it might deter people from seeking help, and reminded people to tell others if someone needed help.

"It's more important to save the friend than save the friendship," he said. "More important that we make sure that person can access some help."

Manion spoke to the community's need to ensure youth feel engaged, with opportunities to contribute, to be able to speak for themselves and provide input on what they need and want, and to be provided the tools to overcome adversity. He spoke to a need to break down stigma and referred to his own depression to help the audience understand that everyone, even someone who works in the mental health sector, can be affected.

"I'm also someone that suffers from depression, I'm also someone that had to seek treatment," he said, noting that depression can be an ongoing issue. "Start recognizing the things that might contribute to stigma ... it's not, you have it or don't have it ... the reality is we all struggle at times, it comes and goes."

Members on the forum talked about the importance of using appropriate language – such as that someone died by sui-

cide rather than that they committed suicide – and encouraging people get help for mental health challenges just as they would for physical injuries.

When asked about how the mental health issue for youth could be defined by a community member who said they were responding to the call to be part of a caring community, Marg Cox, executive director of Point in Time, responded.

"We're a community that has been losing people," she said. "We're a community, whether it's through high-risk behaviour, whether it's death by suicide, whether it's another tragedy, we are a community that has been losing people. We know when we're a tight community, everybody knows each other or knows somebody that knows somebody. If this was to happen in an urban area, you wouldn't be as connected to the losses in the area. But when there's lots of people in the community and we're a tighter community, you know somebody or you know of somebody that's been impacted. When these tragedies have come close together, they have that much more impact. There's a lot of people out there hurting, a lot of people impacted, and people are putting their stake in the ground to say, how can we make our community more inclusive, how can we reduce the risk in our community and how can we make improvements to turn things around."

Several questions about bullying were asked of the panel, who spoke of the connection between bullying and suicide.

"When we talk about suicide, it's incredibly complex," said Manion. "It is not ever just one thing that results in someone being in a situation where they feel they can't go on anymore ... Bullying can be one of many factors."

Manion said he has heard people say that if bullying stopped, suicide would stop, but said although it's important to deal with bullying, eradicating it would be reducing just one of many contributors.

Parents in the audience praised the work of the community services and groups that came together to host the event, which many said helped them become more aware about the number of resources available in the area and with some of the questions they had about helping their kids through their grief, but also said they were looking for more conversation about bullying and strategies to cope with it.

Marianne Davis, whose kids are in elementary school, appreciated the event and the work that went into it by service providers, but wanted to hear more about dealing with bullying in the community, and how to talk to her kids about it.

"Even if a seed was planted now to help me in dealing with a situation that is inevitably going to happen at some point, unfortunately and as scary as that is, that's sort of what I was hoping to get from [the event], some strategies of how to talk to my kids," she said.

"I guess I was a little disappointed," said Davis. "I was hoping there was some kind of, something in place now, dealing with the current situation I've heard about with bullying and how extreme it has gotten. I had hoped there was something they might say, this is what we're planning on doing, this is what we are doing, and this is how you as a community can help [about the specific issue of bullying]." She noted that people are "hurting and in need right now."

Davis said she has spoken to her kids about bullying but hoped to hear further from experts to help guide her and give her confidence in having those conversations. Although she thought it was helpful hearing about programs in place at schools and in the community that were



The panel at Hurting to Hope: A continued conversation on supporting youth in wellness held at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School on Nov. 29 included representatives from local support services and Dr. Ian Manion, expert in youth mental health from the Royal Institute of Mental Health Research. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

helping kids in need, she thought a series of discussions about bullying would be well-attended.

"I've spoken to so many parents with kids of all ages who are experiencing bullying," she said. "Maybe they're not even involved in the situation but they see it happening, and some of them are scared to talk about it. I didn't know what the topic was necessarily going to be [at the event]. I thought it was going to be more focused on that, and I was surprised there wasn't more discussion about it, definitely."

One parent, who spoke on the grounds of anonymity to protect her kids, said the night created further progress in the community but there was a long way to go in getting proper support for those in need, still.

"We are making steps forward," she said. "These people that are coming into town helping us, are above and beyond what we've ever had. It is going somewhere, but it's not going to happen overnight and I think that's what a lot of people want – and me, too."

She said her own kids have had much support through challenges due to people knowing to assist them in seeking help, because of help from trusted community members and as a result of her advocacy

but that it was important for the entire community to get on board.

She was hoping the conversation at the event and in general would not only focus on the high school, because youth of all ages in the county have been reaching out for help.

"I was excited to see how many people were in that building last night," she said.

"Because it means that people are aware, and people want to try and people want to do something."

Alongside the community services represented in the panel, the event was also supported by Haliburton Highlands Health Services, the Haliburton Highlands OPP, the YWCA Peterborough Haliburton Women's Centre and the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team.

For further information and upcoming event details, get in touch with Lindsay at lindsayk@pointintime.ca or 705-457-5345.

Youth in Haliburton County who would like to get involved in promoting wellness can reach out to Lindsay as well, or can text "Youth Engagement" to Lindsay and Deegan at 705-854-0281 (not a crisis line).

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New map app shows cultural points of interest

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Staff Reporter

A new map application shows the geographic location of and provides information on public art and cultural points of interest throughout the Municipality of Dysart et al.

Jim Blake, a member of the municipality's cultural resources committee, and Dysart planning staff gave councillors an overview of the mapping application during a Nov. 20 council meeting.

Completed as part of the municipality's cultural plan, the project drew on a previously completed inventory of cultural assets, with the map app created by students at the Lindsay Fleming College campus's GIS program.

As Blake explained, students from the program look for projects to complete each year.

The app divides Dysart cultural assets into four categories; buildings and spaces, historic objects, plaques and public art.

Clicking on any of the four tabs leads users to a map containing coloured circles, each of the circles representing a location. Clicking on a circle gives the

user information about the cultural asset at that location.

Buildings and spaces include locations such as Abbey Gardens, the Rails End Gallery and the Haliburton Highlands Museum. Historic objects include the plane and locomotive outside the high school, the Sherman tank near the Legion, and the pulley wheel monument in Head Lake Park.

"This is a pulley wheel for the drive belt used to power sawmill machinery, found during excavation for Head Lake Park site," the application reads. "It was placed beside the bridge in Head Lake Park in memory of the late Mr. Clayton W. and Mrs. Phyllis Hodgson, who donated land."

There are numerous historic plaques throughout Haliburton Village, such as those at Lucas House and the Emerson dam, and the public art section shows sculptures and paintings throughout the community.

The application is currently housed on the Dysart et al website under the "services" tab, and then under "municipal cultural mapping."

Eventually, the plan is for it and similar applications to be housed on a mapping and GIS system.

Steam engine may come home to Haliburton

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

A steam engine that once powered machinery in a sawmill owned by the Hodgson family during Haliburton's logging era may be coming back to the community.

The engine has been housed at the museum in Pickering since the 1960s.

"The museum up here was very much in its infancy at the time," Haliburton Highlands museum director Kate Butler told the paper, saying it was possible there was just not much room to accommodate the large engine at the time.

The museum was initially located downtown, within the Reid House, which is now part of the museum complex on the other side of Head Lake.

As Butler explained, the Pickering

Museum is in the process of deaccessioning some of its pieces, the Hodgson steam engine among them.

"It's a big project," Butler said, while talking about the possibility of acquiring the engine with Dysart et al councillors during a Nov. 20 council meeting. "It made sense to them that, having a connection to Haliburton, it essentially come home."

While the municipality had received a quote of \$3,000 for the transportation of the engine from Pickering to Haliburton, Mayor Murray Fearrey said it would likely make more economic sense to use the municipal fleet to transport the engine, should the project proceed.

"We're in talks with the Pickering Museum," Butler told the paper, adding that curator Steve Hill would be making a visit to Pickering to assess the situation. "This is still very much at the exploratory stage."



Cash for care

Campaign chairperson of Cash for Care Lottery Jim Mitchell speaks at the start of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation fundraiser on Thursday, Nov. 30 at the Minden health facility. Proceeds will be put to upgrading the telemedicine equipment. Up to \$25,000 in cash prizes are up for grabs. Tickets are limited to 4,500 and are \$20 each, three for \$50 and six for \$100. They can be purchased at participating retailers, or through the lottery hotline at 705-457-1580, 705-286-1580 or foundation@hhhs.ca. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Flu season puts hospitals at capacity

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Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Nov. 30 meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board.

The province is providing money to hospitals to help them deal with overcrowding during the flu season.

"There is some funding that has been announced . . . to increase hospital capacity, in recognition of the flu season, the surge that goes along with it," said HHHS president and CEO Carolyn Plummer. "Lots of the hospitals across the province, and in particular in the Central East LHIN, are experiencing increased capacity, to the point where they've got patients admitted to their emergency departments."

Plummer said that HHHS is one of those hospitals, however, it doesn't have the room or staffing ability for additional beds.

"We aren't adding any beds here in Haliburton because we haven't got the physical space in which to add them, nor do we have the ability to bring in staff in the required timeframe," she said.

The funding is available until March. However, Plummer pointed out that hospitals in Peterborough and Lindsay will be taking advantage of the funding, and will therefore have some additional capacity.

Bill 148

Bill 148, the province's Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act, will have some financial ramifications for HHHS, although the breadth of those ramifications is unclear at this time.

Most widely known for increasing Ontario's minimum wage, the bill mandates numerous changes for workplaces, including equal pay for part-time workers who perform the same duties as full-time counterparts.

"There are some elements of the legislation that will have an impact on HHHS," Plummer told board members. "We don't yet know exactly what the full impact will be, we're still working that out with the Ontario Hospital Association and our lawyers."

Plummer said there should be more information available on the implications of the bill in coming weeks.

Paramedicine program

A paramedicine program that began in Haliburton County about a month ago is quickly gaining clients.

Paramedicine programs see paramedics making home visits to vulnerable patients, making sure they are taking their medication properly, doing falls prevention work, etc.

Since it launched, 53 clients have signed up to use the new program.

"We've been getting some very positive feedback about how the program really is preventing people from having to visit the emergency department, and really helping to make sure that they get the support they need in their homes," Plummer said.

Surplus forecasted

It looks like HHHS is heading for a small surplus for the year.

Up until the end of September, treasurer and finance committee chairman David Gray told board members HHHS had a surplus of approximately \$56,000.

"One of the main reasons is that there were unfilled positions in the organization, which now have been filled, which is part of the reason the surplus is there," Gray told board members.

For the 2016/17 fiscal year, the organization achieved a small surplus of approximately \$17,000 on a budget of approximately \$24.8 million.

Seat Medic offers mobile repair service for Haliburton County

JENN WATT

Editor

Will Gallant's new business, Seat Medic, aims to fill a void in Haliburton County by providing mobile seat repair.

Following 20 years working at his family's quarry in Eagle Lake, Gallant said he was looking for something that offered flexibility, allowing him to spend time with his children.

He had done auto detailing on the side for years and thought the new skill would allow him to set his own schedule.

He underwent training, purchased the specialized toolkit and has been building experience, doing jobs for friends at first and then paid jobs.

He said there are no other businesses locally that offer the same service, which includes leather and vinyl repair of all kinds of seats (boat, car, home furniture, restaurant, motorcycles, airplanes). He travels to the customer, making his service quite convenient.

He said he can provide estimates to clients if they send photos ahead of time of what the repair entails.

Repairs can mean fixing a rip or tear, a

cigarette burn, stain or other blemish on the fabric.

Cost of the service runs between \$75 to \$250, he said. Larger rips and tears or tricky placement of the fix would lead to higher cost.

Using specialized techniques, the fabric can be returned to a nearly new state, which helps with re-sale or to simply improve the look of a car, boat, chair or other item.

"It's amazing some of the fixes that can be done," Gallant said.

"These are permanent repairs, not quick fixes," he said. "I use high quality materials."

He will travel anywhere in Haliburton County and to areas outside of the region as well including Bancroft and Lindsay to do work.

While summer will likely bring car and boat seat repair jobs, Gallant expects winter months to focus on furniture. He said he will be making connections with local furniture stores, medical facilities, dentists, chiropractors – businesses that have a lot of vinyl coverings.

For more information about Seat Medic, contact William Gallant at 705-455-SEAT (7328) or at info@seatmedic.ca. You can check out some of his work at seatmedic.ca.

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

Remembering Dec. 6

THE STOMACH-TURNING, fear-inducing, heart-breaking trial of Basil Borutski ended Nov. 24 with relatively little fanfare.

Covered most thoroughly by the CBC and the *Ottawa Citizen*, the Pembroke-based case against the triple-murderer in a region about an hour from the Highlands received less recognition than it should have.

Borutski was found guilty of murdering three women in one morning back in 2015. The women each knew him well and without hesitation he systematically killed them all. One of them had previously been assaulted by him, another had endured threats against her son and her dog. He was convicted in both those cases. One slept with a shotgun under her bed and had a panic button and surveillance cameras, CBC reported.

November and early December are times set aside to stand with those who have experienced gender-based violence and to evaluate whether we're doing enough to undermine the cultural norms that allow it to happen.

November is Woman Abuse Prevention Month in Ontario, while this Wednesday marks the 28th anniversary of the Montreal Massacre, in which 14 women were felled by a man so charged with hatred for women he took a gun into L'Ecole Polytechnique to make his point.

What happened to Anastasia Kuzyk, Nathalie Warmerdam and Carol Culleton was the kind of unfathomable violence that could (and should) keep one up at night.

Aside from the specific workings of Borutski's mind, it raises crucial questions about our justice system.

After all, this was a man who had been reported by Warmerdam and Kuzyk for his behaviour. He was known to police. He was on probation. And yet, this still happened.

Women's Sexual Assault Centre of Renfrew County's Julie Lalonde told the *Ottawa Citizen* this case had more "systemic failures" than she'd seen in her 15 years of working as a women's rights advocate.

How many other women are coping with the same issues; fearing for their safety while violent stalkers remain unhindered?

What can we do to ensure this kind of horrific event never happens again?

As far as I know, no event has been planned in Haliburton County to commemorate Dec. 6. (There was once a time when there would be more than one competing event on this date.)

However, we can choose to mark the date without a formal ceremony by pledging to set out into the year to

come as allies to those fleeing violence.

We can support the efforts of the YWCA Peterborough Haliburton and its women's shelter, which provided help to more than 400 women and children in this county last year.

We can donate to Kawartha Haliburton Victims Services and Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre.

And we can keep an eye on the headlines that might not necessarily be prominent on our Facebook news feeds, but need our attention just the same.

We still have a long way to go to protect the safety of all members of our community.

Make Wednesday a day to affirm your support for them.



jenn watt

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Sunset over Haliburton

by Darren Lum

Most wonderful time of the year

DOWNTOWN HALIBURTON is the place to be this holiday season! Please join us and experience the beauty of all the window displays and decorations. Each year businesses spend many hours preparing their businesses to host you for your Christmas shopping. It is so important that everyone realizes the economic spin-off of shopping local. When you support a Haliburton Village business, they give back to the community by way of charitable donations, prize giveaways, sports team sponsorship, event sponsorship, increased employment opportunities and more.

Please think about where you spend your hard earned dollars, and know that when you shop local you are helping cultural groups, little hockey players, arts groups, student athletic teams, charity fundraisers, silent auctions, and countless others. You make a difference!

The brand new snowflake decorations are beautiful, and cast a wonderful glow on the downtown. It is wonderful to see people out strolling in the evening and enjoying the ambience of Highland Street.

The Christmas tree in the village square is spectacular and adds to the beauty of the season.

Wasn't that a great Santa Claus parade? This year was the biggest and the best parade with more than 40 entries. A tremendous amount of work goes into this parade and the lion's share (pun intended) is done by Jim Frost and the Haliburton and District Lions Club.

Sincere and heartfelt thanks to Jim and his team for bringing Santa Claus to town and kicking off the holiday season in downtown Haliburton! The marching bands were amazing, the

colourful floats were very creative and the dancers were very talented. Thank you to everyone in the parade for the great entertainment that you provided.

Downtown Haliburton will be hosting our second annual Women's Shopping Night on Friday, Dec. 8. Participating businesses will be open until 7 p.m. and will be offering special discounts or free gifts or gifts with purchase or all of the above.

Ladies, you really don't want to miss this special event that has been organized with you as the focus. Carollers will be strolling the street to enhance your shopping experience.

The following week on Friday, Dec. 15, we will be hosting Men's Shopping Night. This is when the women who have made their list from the week before give it to the

men in their lives, and the Super Shopper (aka me) helps them get everything just right.

On both shopping nights, there will be gift wrapping in the V&S hallway, by donation to charity.

So worth it to have someone make your gifts look as great as all of the effort you put into selecting and purchasing them.

Last, until Dec. 22, stop by any downtown Haliburton member business, make a purchase, and fill in a ballot for the Buy In And (BIA) Win trip for two to Mexico or \$1,000 cash. You can enter as many times as you want and this is our way of saying thanks for shopping local.

Thank you to everyone that helped make these downtown Haliburton promotions a reality – you are appreciated! We look forward to seeing, and serving you and your loved ones, in downtown Haliburton this holiday season!

BIA in



Cindy Campbell

The Village

points of view

(Non)sense of direction

AS AN OUTDOORSMAN, one of the things I'm embarrassed about most is my horrible sense of direction. The good news is I have learned to compensate for being directionally challenged by learning to pay close attention to the sun, landmarks and topography, becoming very good at using a map, compass and GPS and, most recently, becoming an expert using my cellphone navigational app and Google Earth. As a result, I now only get lost indoors in unfamiliar houses.

And, even then, I have learned that, if you carry the tools to make a good signal fire, people find you quickly.

I used to be quite self-conscious about having to pull out a GPS and compass whenever I entered into new wilderness, especially when other outdoorsmen would just say things like, "Head northeast until you hit an ironwood tree with moderate insect damage, then follow the ridge line for about a mile west until you find a rock about the size of your fist. At that point head towards Shanghai – the east side of it – for just about two miles and you'll see a three leaf clover with the leaf on the north side slightly wilted. Sit there and I'll push a deer to you."

And with that, the other guy would nod and walk off into the woods, never to be heard from again.

Even so, I admired that kind of confidence and wondered why I never had it when it comes to my sense of direction.

Recently, however, while spending two grueling days lost in a friend's basement, it hit me: I am not genetically programmed to have a sense of direction.

You see, my parents, and theirs before them, and so on right through since the beginning of time, lived on the island of Malta, which is a tiny archipelago about 17 miles



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Loon Tales

long and nine miles wide. It is one of the smallest countries in the world.

As a result, Maltese people never needed to develop a sense of direction. All they needed to do was walk around the confines of the island and they'd eventually find wherever it was they were going – often by 10 a.m.

Because of this, the Maltese are not known for having a sense of direction – or height. I also have this theory that certain nationalities are taller because they needed a better vantage point so they could see the topography around them and not get lost.

Not so with the Maltese. And while other cultures developed directional terminology like north, south, east and west, the Maltese, if I am guessing correctly, developed phrases such as, "It's over there, just past Joe's place." Which is unfortunate, since just about half the islanders are named Joe.

If you need further proof of my theory, go online and Google "Famous Maltese explorers."

My dad once told me that he originally tried to immigrate to South Africa and was denied entry to that country. I'm now beginning to think he made up that story to cover up for the fact that he got lost on the way there and ended up in Canada, which turned out very well for us all.

My hope is that my grandson who is a third generation Canadian and only one-quarter Maltese descent will not have to rely on such unreliable things as magnetic poles, landmarks, sun, moon, maps and satellites to make his way confidently around the world, as I have had to.

If all goes as I suspect it will, he will be able to one day take me to a great trout fishing hole by following a wooded ridge-line east-south-east until he finds a piece of discarded spearmint flavoured chewing gum that was spit out by a passing helicopter pilot, which will be the sign to turn due north until he finds a bent fern, the sure marker that signals he should amble to the northeast until he reaches a creek where the water temperature is in the mid-60s and then follow it upstream until he sees a mayfly with a single broken tail segment.

And, better still, once we return to his place after a great fishing trip, he'll be able to find me when I get lost in his basement...



pic of the past

It was around the year 1927 when this picture was taken. It shows Steve Walling in Walling's Dairy Milk Wagon, which is being drawn by horse Nipper. Milk and cream and other dairy products were delivered door-to-door in Haliburton from this wagon. Nipper was rather a unique wagon horse. He didn't like to move in a hurry, but he sure knew the route. Walling's Dairy was operated by Steve and brother Lester.

letters to the editor

County Rd 21 changes overdue

To the Editor,

The councillors on the Haliburton County planning committee should be commended for recognizing and attempting to deal with the problems associated with County Road 21 as it enters Haliburton Village.

Our county could well be the least senior friendly community in Ontario. There is very little affordable housing, few safe to walk on sidewalks, no swimming pool and no senior centre. Paradoxically

Haliburton County is by age the oldest Census Division in Canada*.

We are who we are and making the village safer and more pedestrian friendly for our future and the generations to come is a wonderful plan.

*www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/91-214-x/2012000/part-partie3-eng.htm (Table 3.4)

Peter O'Connor
Haliburton

Remembrance Day literary and poster contest results

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129 Haliburton would like to thank the 130 students who participated in this year's Remembrance Day Literary and Poster contests.

I would like to thank the teachers, school administration staff and parents who encouraged their students to make the effort. Your interest and continued support is much needed and very much appreciated.

This year we had entries from all three schools, Stuart Baker ES, J.D. Hodgson ES and Haliburton Highlands SS.

Without our panel of judges there would be no competition, therefore we wish to thank all our judges for a job well done.

All first place winners now move on to compete with other entries at the zone level. Images of the first place winning entries will be posted to www.haliburtonlegion.com/youth.

Contest winners are listed in the order of first, second and third below.

Poem contest

Senior (Grades 10 to 12): Victoria Allin (first), Karissa Riopelle (second), Liam McAlister (third)

Intermediate (Grades 7 to 9): Savannah Byers, Sophie Longo, Moana Bonilla Bishop

Junior (Grades 4 to 6): Evan Backus, Autumn

see PRIZES TO BE page 8

BOONiEVILLE



Prizes to be awarded in April

from page 7

Winder, Evelyn Vanderstarre

Essay contest

Senior: Jessica Byers, Liam McAlister
Intermediate: Savannah Byers, Campbell Smith
Junior: Tate Smith

Colour Poster Contest

Intermediate: Moana Bonilla Bishop, Chantelle Mavor, Mya Jones
Junior: Isabel Hill, Abi Lewis, Annika Posti
Primary: Alivia Brown, Chloe Morissette, Isla Dobbins

Black and White Poster Contest

Senior: Jessica Byers, Austin Weller
Intermediate: Jocelyn Chumbley, Savannah Byers, Michaela McCready-DeBruin
Junior: Mikayla Sisson, Taylor Horsley, Rosie Lafleur
Primary: Ayden Chapman, Luke Gruppe, Sophia Burke

Zone Competition

The winners of each category are sent to zone level by Nov. 30.

Prizes

All prizes will be awarded at the annual awards night next April at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129 Haliburton.

Anthony Crofts, Youth Education Officer

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Mystery solved

Our pic of the past from the Haliburton Continuation School in the Nov. 21 paper was submitted by George Pratt who asked if anyone knew who the students were. As readers pointed out, the names could be found in the pages of the *Echo* - from 1976.

The students were pictured with a chalkboard reading 1938 (which we were unable to decipher properly and printed 1939 in error). We've reprinted the photo this week so that readers can enjoy matching the names to the faces.

Here are the names. Front row, Claire Roberts, Jack Dart, Ross Johnston, Morley Ward, Glen Hodgson and Jack Logan; second row, Bernice Crarey (now Bernice "Bunny" Scott), Marie English, Annie Lane, Jean Billings, Irene Vickery, Gladys Parish, Eileen Inglis, Dorothy Brohm, Mary Niemi and Betty Yarnold; third row, Mr. Hartly, Ray Logan, May Davis, Doris Thayer, Doreen Wood, Jean Thomas, Muriel Parish, Marie Sipe and Molly Zalkin; back row, Bunty Nicol, Oscar Yarnold, Lorna Dean, Fred Greer, Elaine Roberts, Joe Day, Jean Gould and Ria Finlay.

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- * Walkers Home Hardware
- * Wind in the Willows Spa

Come Wander - Downtown Haliburton!

Auxiliary rings in holidays with wine

The smell of cookies, the sound of gentle harp music and the possibility of winning a wheelbarrow of wine drew people in to the annual Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary Gift Shop open house and bake sale on Dec. 3. While there, they browsed gift shop merchandise, greeted friends for chatty catch-ups and left with arms filled with bags of gifts and baked goods. And when it was all done, the gift shop brought in \$2,800 and the bake sale brought in \$1,100 to help support the hospital.

Kim Emmerson drew the winning ticket in the Wheelbarrow of Wine draw, and Wendy Gamble of Haliburton Lake won the prize – about 40 bottles of wine.

- Sue Tiffin



Diane Smith assisted entrants with their Wheelbarrow of Wine draw tickets. About 40 bottles filled the wheelbarrow and were won by Wendy Gamble of Haliburton Lake.



Allison Perecko deliberates over items at the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary Gift Shop.



Jane Jaycock dressed in festive wear to add to the holiday spirit.



Assisted by these friendly volunteers, very happy customers loaded up with dozens of cookies they chose from a huge assortment of every cookie imaginable at the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary Gift Shop open house and bake sale on Dec.3, leaving the building with bags of cookies filling their arms. / SUE TIFFIN Staff





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Claire Karaguesian, as the Snow Queen, centre, is flanked by Marie, played by Alyssa Morissette, to the left, and Pyotr, played by Nick Phippen, to the right, and her “snowflakes” in the land of snow scene to end the first half of the annual Nutcracker ballet performance for elementary school students on Friday, Dec. 1 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. Staged by Julie Barban’s Heritage Ballet studio, this annual production features spectacular costumes, young performers from toddlers to teens and included guest dancers from the Verba Ukranian Dance Company of Winnipeg, which was possible because of Dance Happens Here Haliburton (part of Haliburton County Community Co-operative). The concerted efforts of parents and guardians make the show possible./DARREN LUM Staff



Alyssa Morissette, as Marie, looks out to the audience.



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Claire Karaguesian, as the Snow Queen, holds a pose with her “snowflakes.”

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Left, Mikaela Kauffeldt stands on point. Below, Abigail Kauffeldt performs in the annual Nutcracker ballet performance. Bottom, the polichinelles dance at the feet of Mother Ginger, played by Peter Smith, during the Mother Ginger and her polichinelles scene.



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Red Hawks wrestling coach Paul Klose demonstrates a move with senior wrestler Matt Manning for the team during practice on Wednesday, Nov. 29 in the Hawks' nest at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. For the first time ever, the high school will host more than 100 wrestlers from a dozen high schools for the COSSA championship on Feb. 22. /DARREN LUM Staff

Haliburton hosting COSSA championship

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Red Hawks wrestling coach Paul Klose's eyes light up, talking about getting to host COSSA (Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics) championships for the first time.

"Dan and I wanted it for a while," he said, referring to co-coach Dan Fockler. "It's never been in Haliburton so I'm happy for it."

There will be close to 120 wrestlers in 30 weight classes from a dozen high schools coming for the event scheduled on Feb. 22 with matches beginning at 10 a.m.

COSSA is the tournament where athletes compete to place in the top two of each weight class to advance to the all-provincial tournament, OFSAA (Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations) championship scheduled from

March 5 to 7 and hosted by Windsor.

Klose, who said COSSA is supposed to be shared with schools, adds this event is a "celebration of the sport."

It will showcase wrestling to the public, educating about and promoting the sport, which could encourage students to join the team next year. The athletic facility here, he said, is a great space for wrestlers and spectators.

Due to less participation and associated higher costs, there will not be a Kawartha tournament to qualify for COSSA this season. All wrestlers in Kawartha will make COSSA, which is being used as a "trial run" for a new COSSA qualifying format.

Wrestlers, organized by weight class, will earn points for finishing in the top four places at four Kawartha league tournaments. The accumulation of these points will end with the fourth tournament to finalize seeding for COSSA. The fourth and final seeding tournament is on

Feb. 15 at I.E. Weldon in Lindsay. The top four seeded wrestlers will earn "preferential positions" in the COSSA tournament draw. This seeding concept was chosen to ensure the top-two wrestlers don't face each other right away and enable the possibility of a final between the two.

The decision was made during last year's OFSAA competition.

"We'll see, it's a trial run. If it doesn't work we'll go back to the way it was," he said.

With 18 boys and six girls, the 24 member Hawks team is different than other years.

Klose wasn't sure why there was a shift from more girls to more guys this year. He thought a strong girls volleyball program this year may have been a factor. However he was happy about those that did come out this season for wrestling.

He estimates there are close to half who are rookies while there are several return-

ing senior wrestlers such as Matt Manning, Aidan Coles, Chloe Samson, Noelle Dupret Smith and Emily Klose on the team. He describes his senior wrestlers as focused and looking forward to repeating last year's success.

Their drive and urgency to improve has been motivating for the new wrestlers, he adds.

Senior wrestler Matt Manning, who advanced from COSSA to earn his first all-provincial berth in wrestling last year, said he was "pumped" when he learned the school was hosting COSSA.

However, the fourth-year wrestler in Grade 12 sees two sides to his school hosting.

"It's good to be doing it in front of family and friends, like guys you know, who come down and go watch, but there is also the added pressure of not making it. You just have to go out there and wrestle hard," he said.

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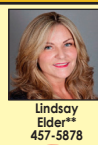


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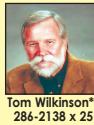


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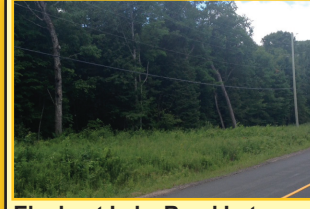
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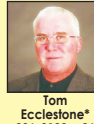
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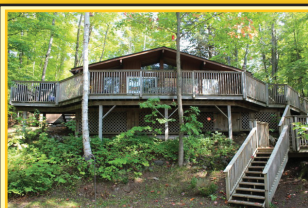
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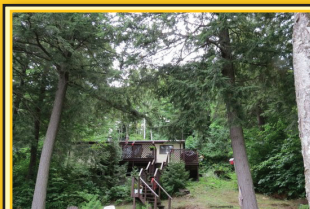
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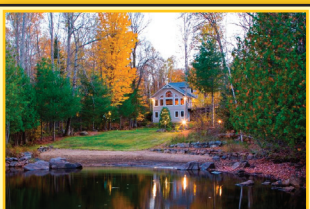
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Ready for season

Above, Red Hawks senior basketball player Owen Patterson-Smith takes a free throw shot while his teammates clap during practice on Thursday, Nov. 30 at HHSS.
Left, Red Hawks senior players warm up for practice on Thursday, Nov. 30 at HHSS.
The Hawks start their Kawartha Basketball League season with its home opener against fellow Kawartha West school Fenelon Falls Falcons on Tuesday, Dec. 5. The double-header will start at 3 p.m. with the juniors, followed by the seniors./DARREN LUM Staff

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minor hockey

Cross-ice Tykes play first game of season

The Bright Woods Landscaping and DeWayen Simms Construction Highland Storm Tyke 2 team took to the ice for their first official game of the season against the Apsley Flames this past Sunday, Dec. 3 at the Lloyd Watson Centre.

The stands were packed to watch this new action-filled cross-ice three-on-three hockey. Although official scores are not recorded due to new Tyke age regulations, Storm dominated the play for the majority of the 60 minute game and every single player on the Storm team walked away with at least one goal.

Congratulations to all Tyke 2 scorers: Tyler Hughes, Henry Neilson, Jacob Manning, Hawksley Dobbins, Cruiz Neave, Neil Mihlik, Nixon Ecclestone, Lyla Degeer, Landyn Simms, Brycen Harrison, Benton Lloyd, Hunter Hamilton and Leighton Nesbitt.

Submitted by Cheryl Smith

Midgets overpower Hurricane 5-2

On Tuesday, Nov. 28 the Highlander and Smolen Family Dentistry Midget team travelled to Woodville to take on the Hurricanes. Goals were scored by Lucas Haedicke, Owen Patterson-Smith, Josh Boice, Nolan Flood and Owen Gilbert. The Storm were able to beat the Hurricane 5-2. Next the Midget team will be travelling to Huntsville to take on the Otters on Dec. 16 at 2:10 p.m.

Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

Tough weekend for Atom AE Storm

On Dec. 2, the G.J. Burtch Construction Highland Storm Atom AE travelled to Collingwood to take on the Blackhawks. Both teams came out strong in the first period. Neither team was able to score. The Storm players fought hard with shots off the post, the puck just wasn't bouncing their way. They were unable to score on the Blackhawks ending the game in a 2-0 loss. On Sunday, Dec. 3, they travelled to Gravenhurst to play against the South Muskoka Bears. The Bears came on strong scoring only minutes into the game. The Storm players gave it their best but weren't able to get any past the Bears resulting in a 7-0 loss. Dec. 7 to 10 the Atom AE team travels south to play in the Ayr tournament with an early 8 a.m. start on Friday morning.

Submitted by Lisa Reinwald

Busy week for Bantam A Storm

The Highland Storm Pepper Mill Steak and Pasta House Dollo's Foodland Bantam A played the Sturgeon Thunder Tuesday evening in Minden. The Storm were first on the board with a pretty power play goal by Jake Sisson finishing off a lovely pass from Tyson Clements. Exceptional goaltending by Ben Landry kept the Storm in front until the second period when the Thunder were finally able to get one past Landry. The Thunder took the lead a few minutes later when the Storm found themselves in penalty trouble and playing shorthanded for an extended period of the middle frame. The penalties for the Storm continued in the third period and they never quite got back into their rhythm resulting in a 3-1 loss to the visiting Sturgeon team.

Two days later the boys travelled down to Lindsay for a rematch against the Kawartha Coyotes. The teams tied 3-3 last week. The Coyotes struck early scoring on their second shift, however some excellent forechecking by Jake Sisson gave him the opportunity to tie things up. The second period saw the teams trade goals frequently with Storm markers coming from Brendan Coumb and a textbook two-on-one with Desi Davies setting up Cody Switzer. The Storm were down 4-3 heading into the third period and unfortunately couldn't find the back of the net in that final frame as they lost 5-3 to the hometown Coyotes.

On Saturday morning the Storm travelled up to Sundridge for a tilt against the Almaguin Ice Devils. Storm goalie Ben Landry showed that he was ready making a splendid stop on a Devil breakaway in the first minute. The Storm played very strong the first two periods and displayed some excellent penalty killing and when called upon, Landry was rock solid between the pipes giving the Storm a 2-0 lead heading into the third with goals by Connor Sobrey and Jax Gill.

The Devils did manage to come back in the final period taking advantage of some power plays offered to them to tie the game 2-2.

Sunday evening saw the Highland Storm travel to Beaverton to face-off against the Brock Wild and came home with a convincing 7-1 victory. The team's next game is against the Woodville Hurricanes Friday in Minden at 7 p.m.

Coyotes weather Peewee Storm

On Sunday, Nov. 26 the JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports Haliburton Family Medical Centre Peewees headed to Elmvale to take on the Elmvale Coyotes. The Coyotes were the first to strike and held their 1-0 lead into the second. The Coyotes were throwing everything they had at the net with goalie Damon Harriss doing everything he could to keep his team in the game. The Coyotes managed to get one by to take a 2-0 lead. The Storm weren't going down without a fight and Zander Upton put one in assisted by Avery Degeer to cut the Coyotes' lead in half. The Storm kept trying but the Coyotes netted two more to take the game 4-1. The Storm have a full schedule this week with the Kawartha Coyotes coming to Minden Tuesday, Dec. 5 for a 7:30 game.

The Peewees travel to Whitby to take on the Durham Crusaders on Saturday, Dec. 9 and head to Parry Sound to face the Shamrocks on Sunday, Dec. 10.

Submitted by Ron Hall

Atom A Storm overpowers Hurricane 9-4

The Cottage Country Building Supplies/Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm Atom A's travelled to Woodville to face the Woodville Hurricanes on Tuesday, Nov. 28 for an exhibition game.

The first goal of the game was a beautiful top shelf goal by Mak Prentice, assisted by Addison Carr, followed by an unassisted goal by Cheyenne Degeer. But unfortunately the Woodville Hurricanes scored two goals within 30 seconds of each other and it was 2-2 going into the second period.

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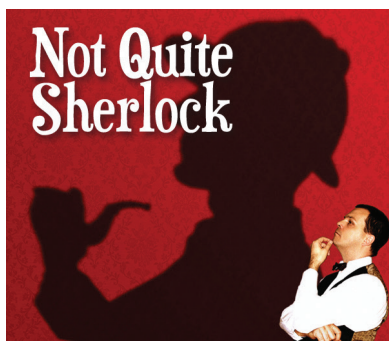
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The second period started with a goal by the Hurricanes, however the Storm were not going to give up. Kadin Card scored an unassisted goal, followed by a goal by Brechin Johnston, assisted by Degeer. Woodville received a penalty shot and scored and once again it was a tied game 4-4. The third period was dominated by the Highland Storm. Carr scored, assisted by Austin Latanville, then Degeer scored, assisted by Johnston, followed by another unassisted goal by Carr, next a goal by Prentice, assisted by Degeer and finally Carr scored his hat trick goal, assisted by Prentice, making a final score of 9-4.

On Sunday, Dec. 3 the Atom A's travelled to Fenelon Falls to face the Sturgeon Lake Thunder. Unfortunately the Highland Storm lost 4-1. The goal was scored by Addison Carr, assisted by Brechin Johnston and Cheyenne Degeer.

The Atom A's will be hosting the Woodville Hurricanes on Tuesday, Dec. 5 at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena at 6 p.m. On Saturday, Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. they will travel to Beaverton to face the Brock Wild and on Sunday, Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. they travel to Parry Sound to face the Shamrocks.

Submitted by Amber Card

Bears blown over by Tyke Storm 10-0

On Dec. 2, the Tom Prentice and Sons Trucking Tykes travelled to the Lindsay Recreation Complex to face the Lindsay Muskies. The battle resulted in a 4-4 tie. Vanek Logan scored an unassisted goal. Evan Perrott's hard work and determination earned him a hat trick, the first

goal assisted by Logan, the second unassisted, and the third with the help of Mason Latanville.

The Tom Prentice and Sons Trucking Tykes hosted the South Muskoka Bears on Dec. 3 at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena. The Storm came out strong, hitting the scoreboard hard early in the game. Vanek Logan opened up the first period with a beautiful breakaway goal, putting it over the blocker of the Bears' goaltender. Hungry for more, Logan carried the puck through traffic and put it in the net again. Defenceman Evan Perrott waited for the goalie to go down and slid one by. Next Jack Tomlinson and Logan skated up the ice all alone, resulting in Logan burying the puck in back of the net. Luke Gruppe dug in, turning over the puck and Easton Burk picked up the loose puck put it through the goaltender's five hole. Perrott put one in the five hole. With a minute 48 seconds left in the period, Tomlinson received the perfect pass from Logan to hit the open left side of the net on a one timer.

Gruppe, Jaxon Casey and McCartney Saunders fought hard, turning the puck over from the Bears multiple times to help the Storm keep their lead. Mason Latanville scored the lone goal in the second, with the help of Logan. Latanville, on a line change error by the Bears, took the opportunity to put the puck into the net early in the third. Tomlinson managed to slide one by on the right side, assisted by Logan. The Storm's defencemen Matthew Scheffee, Ethan DeCarlo, Zach Prentice and Perrott held the blue line strong throughout the game, contributing greatly to the win. With the shutout, Storm goaltender Carter Braun made many great saves to

help the Storm take the game, 10-0. Next the Tyke team will be travelling to Millbrook on Dec. 8 for a three-day tournament.

Submitted by Jessica Tomlinson

Midget girls win both home games

The Bancroft IDA/Red Eagle Family Campground Midget girls won both

home games this past weekend where True Nulty played some solid games between the pipes due to both Jets goalies being injured. They played an exhibition game on Saturday against Otonabee Wolverine C for a 4-0 win. Sunday's game was a fast paced game where Jules Croskery recorded a hat trick as she led the Jets to a 4-2 win against the Cold Creek Comets.

Submitted by Lysane Burnett

Hawks basketball team gains experience in Renfrew

The following are HHSS sports briefs for the week ending Dec. 1.

Congratulations to the senior Red Hawks basketball team on an impressive performance at the Renfrew Invitational Tournament. The squad came out flying in the first game against host school Renfrew and quickly built a 13-0 lead. Our tenacious Red Hawks defence was too much for Renfrew to handle. Final score HHSS 60 and Renfrew 19. In the second game, we faced a big and feisty team from Espanola. After losing Kyle Cooper to an injury in the first minute, the squad dug deep for Cooper. The game was tight until the end, but Espanola pulled away in the last four minutes for the victory. In our third game against Rideau, the Red Hawks were down by eight in the final quarter and had a chance to make it close, but the shots just wouldn't fall for us.

Hockey team defeats Crestwood

The Red Hawks hockey team improved their record to two wins and one loss after a gruelling double-header on Thursday, Nov. 30 at the Kinsmen Civic Centre in Peterborough. The Red Hawks defeated Crestwood 3-0 on goals by Carter O'Neill, Owen Gilbert and Jacob Haedicke. Hawks netminder Jaxon Campbell earned the shutout. Assists went to Lucas Haedicke, Desi Davies, Josh Boice, Benn Macnaull and Trevor Turner.

In the second game, the team was defeated 3-0 by St. Mary's from Cobourg.

Submitted by Judi Paul
With files from Wade Wiggins

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Planting seeds to boost Community Gardens

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

With a chill in the air and the average temperature of each day dropping, gardening is far from most people's mind.

However, for the people involved with the Haliburton Highlands Community Garden Network, it's never too early to spread the word about the range of benefits, mental and physical, associated with gardening.

A community garden is a shared piece of land worked on by a group, which includes planting, tending and harvesting, construction of structures or fencing on private or publicly owned land.

Its goal is to provide residents with access to garden plots and supporting them in growing their own food. The garden network started in 2012 and the Central Food Network became a supporting partner in 2016.

For some participants, who may not have their own plot of land, it's an opportunity to supplement diets with healthy, fresh produce. It provides security in knowing where the food comes from and is also a chance to socialize, share ideas and learn.

The network's liaison is Kate Hall, public health food worker with HKPR Health Unit.

Most recently, she has been promoting the network to bring it more attention.

"What I'd like to do is just generate that interest again, revitalize and do some promotion and let people know we do have a community garden network," she said in an interview during the summer.

There are 10 community gardens in the network and they are located in all four municipalities in the county.

Some of these gardens are not being fully used while Haliburton's Victoria Street Community Garden expanded this past autumn due to demand and infusion of money from the United Way for the City of Kawartha Lakes.

To bring more participants, Hall said she will be reaching out to local condominium and long-term care residents as well as the wider county population. She has also been thinking about improving accessibility, which can be achieved with raised garden beds at some locations.

Along with the Haliburton Highlands Museum off of Bayshore Road, another community garden used to be at the Haliburton hospital. Hall said there has been discussion of possibly bringing back both.

"We're exploring opportunities to get those two back up, but it depends if there is interest in the community," she said.

The success of a community garden, she said, depends on user participation.

"That's the thing about community gardens is I don't build them. I don't take responsibility for them. Really the interest has to come from the community and if there is interest there then I can help support them," she said.

Hall said she can speak with municipal governments on behalf of the garden network and can assist with providing resources. She said the gardens vary in how they're run, for example, whether there is an associated cost, or if each participant keeps their yield or if everything gets donated. The Victoria Street Community Garden has a gardener's agreement for their users to

abide by, which is included in its welcome packet. This idea was presented to the leads of all the gardens at a recent meeting.

Hall said in addition to private citizens, the municipal governments can be a great support. She said municipalities can help with providing in-kind support, such as providing access to water, space on municipally owned property, or assistance with construction work. Policies in municipal official plans that support gardens and tapping into existing partnerships also helps.

Novice and beginner gardeners have learned from more experienced gardeners through this effort.

Hall said the educational Dig In series of workshops with Harvest Haliburton is ongoing. Certain topics of interest, she said, could be presented by particular guest speakers if enough interest is known.

Barbara Kraus, a local business owner and lead for the Gooderham Community Garden that started in 2012, said the importance of this garden is linked to the benefits of "food independence."

"Food independence is a very important subject and so I also use the community garden as a teaching apparatus for anybody who is interested in learning about growing their own food and the techniques, but they may have the space to do that at home and don't have space in the garden," she said. "Beyond that I also use those beds to grow hot peppers for the hot sauce initiative that raises funds for the Heat Bank [Haliburton County] and things like that so I always keep two beds for teaching and that kind of thing for the community at large."

She said keeping this garden is "critical" to a lone participant's ability to supplement a diet with healthy produce. There is room to add more participants.

The ideal, she said, is to have anywhere from four to six gardening participants and for the garden to have a fence and shed erected. The garden is at the Gooderham community centre, at 1043 Community Centre Rd. and has five raised beds, measuring four-by-12 feet in area.

The original garden was in a flood area and has since been moved to higher ground in the park close to the Robert McCausland Community Centre. She appreciates that the municipality of Highlands East provided the land for the garden and helped to re-start the gardens.

Realistically, Kraus said besides donations, the garden could really use volunteer help in the form of watering duties during the evening hours. She said just one to two people are needed.

Funding could be used for compost and manure to keep the soil viable, the construction of a fence, a shed for storage to secure critical equipment and serve as a spot to have a clipboard with information exchange, ensuring communication between Kraus and participants.

Kraus can be reached at 705-559-5972. Planting will begin the first two weeks of June, she said.

At the northern end of the county, Dorset Community Garden's Annette Schumacher said the garden is a hub of like-minded individuals, offering a social outing and a secure garden, protected from animals such as deer.

"The community garden offers folks an opportunity to work together and visit. Sharing ideas on planting and sharing advice and tips on improving our gardening techniques. It also offers a safe location for planting veggies. We've installed extensive fencing to protect our garden boxes from deer. For the most part, our

personal yards don't have that protection," she wrote in an email.

The property is owned by Elizabeth and Brad Johnson, who own Portico Timber Frames, a construction company based in Dorset at 2761 Clan Mackay Rd. off Highway 35.

"It was Elizabeth's wish that folks would benefit from having a garden and be able to mingle with folks interested in gardening. The Haliburton Community Garden Network assisted greatly in providing us with garden boxes, seeds, manure, and soil. Their generosity and support has been ongoing. Locally, Robinson's General Store has been a supporter in our endeavours as well," she wrote.

Seasonal visitors to the area use the garden property to supplement their summer diet.

"The gardens offer them an opportunity to grow fresh greens and also benefit from our garlic harvest. In our case the ideal candidate is looking for a small area to plant veggies which will enhance their table throughout the summer season," she wrote.

The Victoria St. Community Garden is arguably among the largest of the county's gardens with its large raised beds and participants that include area residents, Community Living employees and program participants. It is at the Victoria Street School and is located at 73 Victoria St. in Haliburton. Also in Dysart et al, there is the Eagle Lake Community Garden, which was resurrected two years ago. It is located on one acre of property owned by Eagle Lake Church at 2405 Eagle Lake Rd.

Highlands East has four gardens: two gardens in Wilberforce and one in Gooderham and Highland Grove.

Wilberforce's Maple View Apartments Community Garden is behind the community housing and apartments at 2117 Loop Rd. on property owned by Monmouth Township Non-Profit Housing Corporation. Its other is the Wilberforce Community Garden, on municipal property beside the Wilberforce library branch at 1101 Holmes Rd.

Up the road, at 5376 Loop Rd. in Highland Grove, is the Highland Grove Community Garden. It is private property owned by John Teljeur, supported by volunteers and is located at the World of Life Outreach. Produce there helps the area food bank.

Algonquin Highlands only has the one community garden, located in Dorset.

Minden has the Three Sisters Community Garden at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, at 174 – 176 Bobcaygeon Rd. On the same property is a recent addition to the network, the One to Three Youth Community Garden, which was students' effort, on the grounds of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

Minden also includes the Irondale Community Garden beside the Irondale Church.

Also in Minden is the Food Crusade Gardens, partnered with the Central Food Network, maintained by the Teljeur family. Their harvest is donated to food banks and community kitchen programs.

Anyone interested in participating within the network is encouraged to contact Hall, who can relay queries or requests to the various leads of the gardens.

Call Hall at the HKPR Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577. See updates and share information through the network's Facebook page.



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Nutcracker dazzles in Haliburton

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The *Nutcracker* by Tchaikovsky was once again beautifully performed under the direction of Julie Barban on Dec. 1 and 2. David Zilstra occupied centre stage as the ballet began, taking the part of godfather Drosselmeyer. Many children were involved, there were many

costumes, and oh, the dancing! Every year it's a delight I want to see, and always it's magical and lovelier than before. While this was going on, the congregational Christmas dinner was being enjoyed at the community centre. Music was entertaining folks who were able to stay afterwards and go to the West Guilford Baptist Church to round out the happy event with singing. In the midst of all this celebration, there is sadness among us. Marilyn

Watson, daughter of Harina and the late Clayton Lynn, died last week, leaving her beloved mother, her sister Arlene, as well as husband Del Watson. The sympathy of the community certainly goes out to all who were near and dear to Marilyn. Euchre Scores: High: Ruth Fletcher, Robert McIvor Low: Pat Smyth, Neil Moore Most Lone Hands: Shirley McDowell, Perry Morrison

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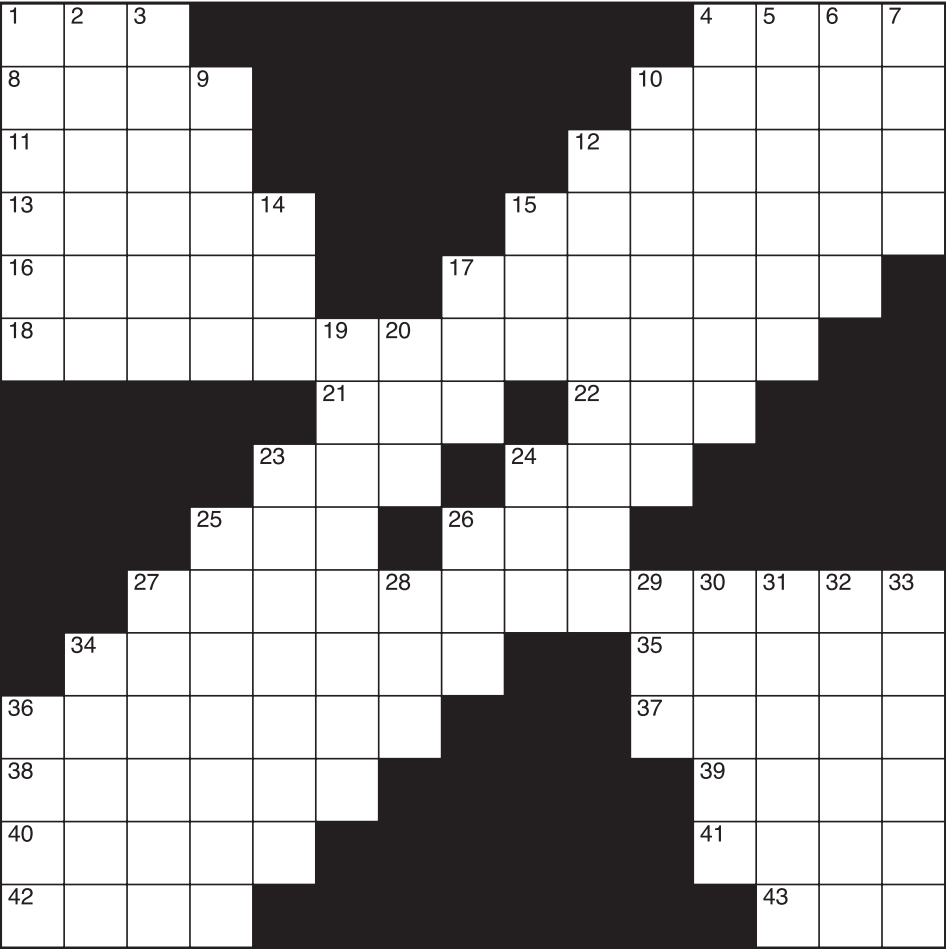


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 - Small amount
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 - Criticize
 - Snake-like fish
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 - The lowest adult male singing voice
 - Endings
 - Irises
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 - Kimono sashes
 - Bewilders
 - Mentally healthy
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 - Seeing someone famous
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 - Give a nickname to
 - Uses up
 - Type of missile (abbr.)
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 - Midwife
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 - Supervises interstate commerce
 - A way to convert
 - Female sibling
 - TV network
 - Tropical Asian plant
 - Line on a map
 - Denotes songbirds
 - Made publicly known
 - He devised mud cleats for football
 - Trends

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- Adventurous



Funding the food bank

Community groups came together to make a donation to the 4Cs food bank on Friday, Dec. 1. Money collected by the Lighthouse Pentecostal Church during the Haliburton Santa Claus Parade was matched up to \$200 by the Rotary Club of Haliburton and the Haliburton and District Lions Club. More than \$680 was donated in cash and more than 150 pounds of food. From left, Jim Henwood, Jim Frost, Craig Worsfold, 4Cs David Ogilvie, Marilyn Frost, David Zilstra, Maureen O'Hara, Robert van Nood and Steve Roberts. /JENN WATT Staff

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Lakeshore study should be ready by next spring

The long awaited Lakeshore Capacity Study, which will provide a scientific basis for determining how much development a given lake can sustain, should be available by next spring, according to an official from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

In a letter to Soyers Lake Ratepayers Association president, Lew McCarriston, Gera Teleki, coordinator of the lakeshore capacity study, said research and writing of the document are "essentially complete".

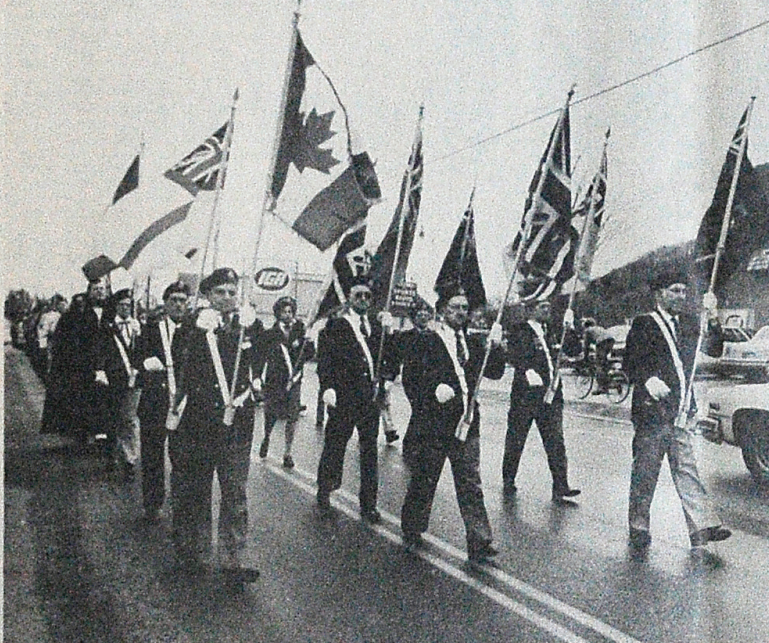
"We expect all written material to be submitted and in final draft form by April, 1982," Teleki said in his letter.

Before the document can be applied anywhere in the province, it must be approved by the management board of the Ontario cabinet, (MBC).

"I expect the project final reports to be available to the public shortly after the MBC decision is handed down sometime in the first quarter of 1982," Teleki said.

The Soyers Lake Ratepayers have asked Anson, Hindon and Minden council to defer finalization of a proposed new zoning by-law until the Lakeshore Capacity

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Members of the Haliburton Legion and other participants in the annual Remembrance Day ceremonies marched to the cenotaph last Wednesday to pay their respects to those who died in both World

Wars. A number of wreaths were laid following the observance of two minutes of silence. A large crowd turned out despite the cool, wet weather.

Rail loss ironic: Warden

Seven years ago the mood was buoyant. Today, county council faces forces it can't control

The year was 1974. Haliburton County was marking its centennial and Dysart et al reeve Murray Fearney was serving as the county's warden. In celebrations, publications and displays the county's history was being recalled. At the centre of that historical picture was the railroad, still operating, still making an important (though ever diminishing) contribution to the county's economy.

Seven years later, Murray Fearney would have his second term as county warden. But this time, things would be different. This time, the railway, once the area's only link with cities and towns to the south, would be lost, abandoned by Canadian National Railways with the approval of the Canada Transport Commission.

It is an irony of which the outgoing warden is only too well aware: one that reflects how decisions beyond local control effect life in the county.

But it was toward important matters over which county council could claim some say that the warden directed his efforts this year, and in that regard he had considerable success.

One of the most important events of the past year, Fearney said in an interview Monday, was the transfer of Highway 519 north from Haliburton to provincial control. The highway will now be number 118 on provincial maps, providing a link with Muskoka that the warden and others hope will bring increased tourist traffic into the area.

Under the transfer agreement, which took effect November 9, Highway 519 south will become County Road 1, the designation that formerly applied to the section of the Vankoughnet Road the province has now taken over. Along with the change, the ministry of transportation has also agreed to provide \$1 million extra dollars for reconstruction of Highway 519 south, and has promised to rebuild Highway 519 from the new Highway 118 to Eagle Lake within three years.

The work on Highway 519 south will be done on a day labour basis, enabling the bulk of the million dollar subsidy to be pumped into the local economy.

The transfer was not without controversy however. Snowdon reeve Bob Vick and deputy reeve John Francis opposed the change in status for Highway 519 south, and in the near future county council is expected to consider a motion to re-open negotiations with the province to return 519 south to MTC control.

Another major concern of the warden during his term

was planning. The county's planning strategy document has not been an easy document to work with, and at the moment council is considering whether or not to draft terms of reference to proceed with an official plan.

A dump study, rejected last year when it was first brought to council, resurfaced this year, and this time council decided to proceed with it, although the decision was a split one.

Work continued on the question of DREE funding, the warden said. Haliburton

County has been actively involved with other counties in the area to put a united front before the provincial and federal governments. While no formal decision has yet been made, the pressure is on, and it could pay off in the near future.

The first step was also taken this year toward re-assessing the county's 'provisional' status. Officials from the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs will make information available to council in the near future to show what, if anything, might

be gained by dropping the provisional status or changing to a 'district' status.

The major achievements of the year have been slow in coming, but the warden is satisfied with the contribution he has been able to make this year.

"At the end of my term, we will at least have had the opportunity to assess" a number of important matters, the outgoing warden said. "I see that as what my role was."

Reeve Fearney's one year

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Dysart, CUPE settle contract

Hourly rates will increase by 85 cents across the board

The Municipality of Dysart et al has reached a memorandum of agreement on a new one year contract with its road and office workers who are members of the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 2142.

The contract calls for an across the board pay increase

of 85 cents an hour effective January 1, 1982. Union members employed by the municipality will receive from \$7.58 an hour to \$8.32 an hour, depending on their position, under the new contract.

Other concessions in the memorandum of agreement include a \$50 safety boot

allowance per year, payable with the first regular pay in January, three pairs of overalls per year for the mechanic, and five weeks vacation with pay after 20 years service.

The contract has not been ratified by council, who will consider it at their December meeting.



Renfrew North Liberal MPP Sean Conway was the guest speaker at the annual county warden's banquet Saturday night in Haliburton. Listening to Conway's remarks is outgoing warden Murray Fearney.

Indian Summer you say? Wrong

Warm spell not quite warm enough to qualify officially

by SUE COOPER
Staff Reporter

Soaking up the sunshine, getting more outside chores done before winter, working outside in shirtsleeves, it

must be Indian Summer, right? Wrong. Many people in the Highlands have been talking about the beautiful Indian Summer weather, recently but according to area climatologist, Jim Elstone, our weather does not qualify

as Indian Summer.

Although he admits the Highlands have been enjoying "unusually good" weather, temperatures must soar five to ten degrees Celsius above normal for more than four days to actually qualify as a traditional Indian Summer.

The weather has been misleading most residents because the months of September and October were "dirty and cold" making the warm days in November seem above normal.

No records have been broken, but this November has given the area more than normal sunshine hours for the month. Usually the sun shines for approximately nine days throughout the month, but by mid-month the sun had already shone for nine days. Precipitation is lower this year in comparison to last year when November spilled 35 to 40 millimetres of rain and 15 centimetres of snow on the Highlands. So far this month, the Highlands have received less than half that amount. The high winds and cold easterly rains which usually come during the stormy month of November

have not arrived yet but the climatologist said weather reports for this week indicate that the area might not escape normal weather much longer.

Most days this month, temperatures have been in the normal 10 to 11 degrees Celsius range but Saturday, November 14, was an Indian Summer day. The temperatures rose to 15 degrees Celsius, the highest temperature so far this month. It's not a record for that date, however. On November 14 in 1909, 1927 and 1930 the temperature rose to 15.6 degrees Celsius. The record low for November 14 is -21.1 degrees Celsius.

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Forests threatened:

Local MPP calls for new initiatives to manage forests, reduce waste

Ontario's forest management practices are threatening the future of the forest industry, Liberal MPP John Eakins said last week.

Speaking for the official Opposition at a meeting of the Standing Resource Committee considering the 1981/82 estimates of the Ministry of Natural Resources, Eakins questioned planned reductions in the annual allowable cut and criticized the ministry's regeneration programs, as well as clear cutting practices and wasteful timber harvesting by forestry companies.

For more than a decade, the ministry has been told in various reports and by foresters in the field, that reductions in the annual allowable cut (AAC) planned for 1986 will create a shortfall in wood fibre unless forest renewal performance improves dramatically, Eakins said.

He said impending timber shortages are of particular concern to independent sawmill operators, since they generally get timber under third party agreements with pulp and paper companies which have huge timber rights, and there is no guarantee that the agreements would continue if the AAC is reduced.

Present regeneration efforts are inadequate, Eakins told the committee.

"Of the 599,671 acres of total cutover land in 1980/81, regeneration was undertaken

on only 48 per cent of the land, 258,986 acres", Eakins said. "Natural regeneration occurred on 181,681 acres, which means that 159,004 acres were left untreated - essentially written off."

"Reforestation effort must be directed to regenerate artificially all areas where natural regeneration does not occur promptly," Eakins told the committee.

He also expressed concern over clearcutting - "a technique that lays waste to everything and leaves nothing to harvest for decades."

There are areas in Northern Ontario with contiguous clearcuts of up to 50,000 acres, he said, despite the fact that in 1976, a proposed policy which had the support of all regional foresters and technical committees of the ministry advocated maximum clearcuts of only 300 acres.

According to the local MPP, "the province would not overly inconvenience the industry by introducing maximum cutover limits as suggested by ministry guidelines."

British Columbia and Alberta have established mandatory upper limits for clearcuts, Eakins noted.

"Why don't we still not have a maximum clearcut limit in Ontario?" he asked the minister.

Eakins also attacked wasteful timber harvesting practices, noting that undesirable species which are

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Hundreds of bargains offered

Don't miss Pre Xmas Discount Day

Local merchants and the Haliburton County Echo are working together to help you get a head start on your Christmas shopping and save money too. This Saturday, merchants throughout the Haliburton area will be offering special discounts on hundreds of items suitable for gift giving. Information on these offers is contained in a special advertising supplement included with this week's Echo. Look it over carefully, make your list and plan to spend the day.

By shopping locally you'll not only save money, time, gasoline and frustration; you'll also help to keep the community's economy strong.

The special, Pre Christmas Discount Day gets underway at 9 a.m. See you there.



The Haliburton Junior C Huskies appear to have hit their stride, winning three and tying one in their last four outings. For complete results of last week-end's action, see Page 4.



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Kinmount, Let it Glow, Christmas Tree Lighting

When: Thursday Dec. 7, 6:30 p.m.
Where: Kinmount Train Station
Carolling, bonfire & treats. Free photo with Santa

St. Paul's Anglican Church Children's Christmas Gift Sale

When: Friday, Dec. 8, 4 to 7 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 9 - 10 a.m. to 2: p.m.
Where: 19 Invergordon Ave, Minden
Nothing costs more than \$1.00 - Children come and shop for Christmas Gifts for family & friends - We will help the children shop, wrap and tag the gifts, they will be ready to take home and put under the tree. - Please come and share in the joy of this day. Everyone Welcome - For more info. Please call the Church office at 705-286-2541

Kinmount: Christmas in the Village

When: Saturday, Dec. 9
Pancake Breakfast with Santa, 8:30 to 11 a.m.
Anglican Church Hall
Children's Crafts, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Community Centre Upstairs
Royal Canadian Legion Christmas Party for the children, 2 p.m.
Christmas Music Night, 7 p.m., Galway Hall. Featuring Frank and Chanda Leahy and family. Desserts, Loonie Auction
For more information or to reserve tickets (\$15) for Music Night, contact 488-2635 or 488-2687
Visit kinmount.ca for more information.

Fill A Cruiser

When: Saturday, Dec. 9 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Where: Wilberforce Foodland
All donations received will support the Wilberforce and Cardiff Food Banks. Please come out and support our local Food Banks, our community and our OPP!

The Highlands Trio in the Clubroom

When: Saturday, Dec. 9, 4 to 7 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion, Clubroom
Cost: \$5.00 cover charge for non-members
50/50 draw at 6:00 p.m..
Enjoy a delicious meal for \$6.00 by the Ladies Auxiliary

Wilberforce Santa Claus Parade

When: Sunday, Dec. 10 at 12:30 p.m.
Where: Wilberforce
It begins at the Wilberforce School at 12:30 p.m., and parades to the Lloyd Watson Community Centre, where Santa will join the kids for a free picture, gift and goodies. Fun for all ages, don't miss it!

Highlands Wind Symphony, 2017 Christmas Concert

When: Sunday, Dec. 10 at 3 p.m.
Where Northern Lights Pavilion, Haliburton
Tickets: \$10.00 or \$25.00/family
Tickets at Masters Bookstore, Haliburton or Minden Pharmasave
Call or text 705-457-7894 for more info

Haliburton Pastoral Charge, White Gift Sunday

When: Sunday, Dec. 10, 11:15 a.m.
Where: Haliburton United Church

Environment Haliburton

When: Dec. 12 at 7:30 p.m.
Where: Enviro-Cafe Minden Cultural Centre
Jim and Joan Joseph will talk about their passive house currently under construction and how Passive house construction can dramatically lower heating and cooling costs.
Call Terry Moore for more information at 705-306-9254 or tmoore7031@gmail.com

Lochlin United Church annual community "Old Fashioned Christmas Carol Sing-a-long"

When: Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m.
Where: 1050 Lochlin Road off Gelert Road (County Rd. 1) at Lochlin.
Accompanied by Rev. Harry Morgan and friends
Refreshments following: hot cider and christmas goodies. Donations to the food banks gratefully accepted

Essexville Historic Church Christmas Carol Service

When: Sunday, Dec. 17 at 7 p.m.
All are welcome
Speaker: Pastor Brian Plouffe

Santa's workshop offers sweets and treats

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When is a craft sale somehow more than a sale? Sure helps when individuals and groups come together like they did last Saturday for what is known as Santa's Workshop Craft Sale to help with everything from setup to clean up and the community feels proud to be part of it all.

Led by Cathy with Wilberforce Heritage Guild (WHG) members and friends along with St. Margaret's people and friends they hosted over 30 vendors.

Our much appreciated Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre (LWMC) became a colourful Christmas Market, a market displaying the creative arts of sewing, painting, baking, preserving and knitting. Wreaths, maple syrup, jewelry, Christmas decorations, and interesting things such as jars of cookie mix and even attractive computer designed machine made signs/plaques added greatly to choice for shoppers who, along with WHG organizers, were pleased with the quality and variety of items available.

It seemed sales were fairly good at most tables. Glad the non-profit groups did well for efforts in Irondale and for youth work and helping feral cats.

Making sure food was available all day St. Margaret's crew kept pizza slices and bowls of Leo's and Rev. Anne's chili available along with other snacks.

And a good day it was for all especially V. Johnston from Cardiff who is delighted to have the colourful reindeer from the WHG table now in residence at her place. Thanks to all who participated.

On Sunday evening Dec. 3 the LWMC became a con-

cert hall as people gathered there for the annual ecumenical Christmas Service. Appreciation goes to the local United Church people for organizing this concert and to Rev. Peter Walford-Davis who led it. The audience was delighted to sing along with several carols and the choir gave a fine rendition of "Bring A Torch Jeanette Isabella." Special presentations included Wayne Cooper's piano and vocal musical interlude, the children's choir directed by Melanie Storey accompanied by Elwood Storey on guitar and Hank O'Reilly's vocal and guitar presentation.

Passages of scripture telling of the birth of the Christ child were read by Flo Elliott, Wayne Rutter, Joan Noble Ann Watson, Pastor Don Waterhouse, Father Ron Myers and Hilda Clark. The story of The Red Violin and another Christmas tale was related by Rev. Walford-Davis arranged with Royce Cox playing violin.

A surprise visitor told the history of how the tradition of Santa Claus has evolved as part of the Christmas story over the years. For that story about "the real reason for the season" you may have to check out Santa Dave if he is not hiding out somewhere with his reindeer.

Attendees made donations for the local food bank. A fine beginning for Advent as we make the trek to Christmas.

Next Sunday, Dec. 10, Santa Claus will settle in at the LWMC to meet local children after he makes his way down the main street as the star of a parade in his honour. There will be picture taking and lots of fun there. The parade starts at school about 12:45 noon.

Christmas Open House at the historic Red Cross Outpost museum is on Wednesday, Dec. 13 afternoon 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. and that evening 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Drop in for apple cider beside the lovely spruce Christmas tree. There may be time for some Christmas poetry and a short tale or two.

Reminder to help fill an OPP cruiser with groceries this Saturday in Foodland parking lot between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.



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NOTICE TO PATIENTS OF DR. BARBARA VARTY

We are sad to announce the retirement of Dr. Barbara Varty from the Haliburton Family Medical Centre, effective November 22, 2017. However, as a patient of Dr. Varty's, you will be transferred to a new physician who is moving to Haliburton this winter. Her name is Dr. Devon Tilbrook. Dr. Tilbrook plans to start in the clinic in January 2018. For the month of December the physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistant, along with a number of other allied health professionals, will continue to provide you with ongoing health care.

At this time we are not accepting any requests from Dr. Varty's patients to transfer to another physician on our team.

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If you have any questions or concerns around this process please call Kim Robinson at 705-457-1212, ext. 368 to discuss.



County of Haliburton Notice

Inaugural Session of County Council

The Council of the County of Haliburton wishes to provide PUBLIC NOTICE that the Inaugural Session of Haliburton County Council will take place on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 commencing at 2:00 p.m. in the County Administration Building located at 11 Newcastle Street in Minden. The public is welcome to attend.

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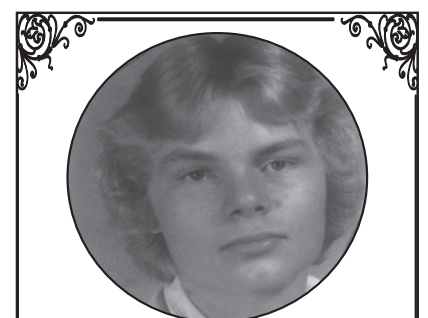


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LITTLE GLAMOR LAKE



Custom designed 2 story cottage with four bedrooms. Recently built single garage. Great spot for relaxation with well treed privacy and excellent beach.

\$469,000

SALERNO LAKE



Fully winterized three bedroom log cottage on Salerno Lake. Interior is finished with cozy pine w/ vaulted ceilings for spacious feel. 167' of secluded waterfront located in a small cove providing nice safe swimming.

\$449,000

HARBURN ROAD



Endless possibilities with this five-bedroom home on almost 15 acres. Not enough space? The adjacent 68 acres is also included in the purchase price. Lots of living space with five bedrooms and studio - only five minutes from Haliburton!

\$425,000

COTTAGE PLUS BUNKIE



Enjoy cottage living with this cozy 4 season cottage and large bunkie with many upgrades. Municipal access to Miskwabi Lake across the road.

\$174,000

VACANT LOTS & WATERFRONT

Hwy 503 Building Lot 1.33 Acres. \$14,900

Salerno Lake Access .45 Acres...\$25,000

Maple Lake Access .79 Acres...\$34,500

North Shore Road 2.8 Acres....\$49,000

Miskwabi Lake Access.98 Acres..\$59,000

Feature Listing

HALIBURTON LAKE



NEW LISTING



Cute little starter cottage with 100' frontage facing west. Three bedrooms, bright kitchen and dining room/living room combo. Good steps to deep waterfront and dock. Beautiful view of lake and island.

\$279,900



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SOYERS LAKE



Stunning Timberframe 4 bdrm waterfront cottage/home on Soyers Lake. Quality finishing inside & out. Oversized insulated double det'd garage. Enjoy peace & quiet in this tranquil bay w/little boat traffic & easy access to the 5 lk chain.

\$2,150,000